



8th Masonic District

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania



Bristol Lodge No. 25, Hermann-Humboldt Lodge No. 125,
Doylestown Lodge No 245, W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410,
Newtown Lodge No. 427, Southampton Radiant Star Lodge No. 806

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Richard H. Bradbury, Sr. – District Deputy Grand Master

October 2019

8th Masonic District School of Instruction

Frey Masonic Center at Masonic Village-Warminster
850 Norristown Road, Warminster, PA

Meets Monthly on the 1st Monday at 7:30 pm
Extra Meeting on the 3rd Friday – If Needed/Called with due
and timely notice.
(No Meetings in July and August)

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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| 07 | 8th Masonic District School of Instruction |
| 09 | Hermann-Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting (EA)
<i>Program: Sohne Nacht and the Lewis-Bro. Tobias Schonwandt</i> |
| 09 | Newtown Lodge Stated Meeting
<i>Program: Past Master Night</i> |
| 11 | Doylestown Lodge Stated Meeting
<i>Program: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt</i> |
| 12 | Bristol Lodge Stated Meeting
<i>Program: George Washington & Baron Von Steuben/Masonic Military</i> |
| 16 | W.K. Bray Lodge Stated Meeting
<i>Program: New Member Night/Exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree</i> |
| 18 | 8th Masonic District-Extra Mtg. (if needed) |
| 21 | Southampton Radiant Star Lodge Stated Mtg.
<i>Program: Dramatic Interpretation-Gen. Douglas McArthur-Bro. George Stephens</i> |
| 26 | Academy of Masonic Knowledge - Masonic Village, Elizabethtown |

ACADEMY OF MASONIC KNOWLEDGE – OCTOBER 26th

Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:30 a.m. The program is over by 3:00 pm. All Masons are welcome to attend. Dress is coat and tie. Speakers are:

Geraldine Beskin an international speaker on esotericism and a social historian, bringing the various important occult characters and places to life with her narratives and biographical talks.

R.W Bro. David L. Tucker a Past Master of Belcher Lodge No. 180 and is currently serving as the Senior Grand Warden for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. In 2018, he was presented with the Daniel Coxe Medal, the highest honor given by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION–DECEMBER 27TH

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication is scheduled for December 27, 2019, 10:00 am. when the new R.W. Grand Master will be installed. This will be an open installation, so friends and ladies are invited to attend.

The schedule of events is as follows:

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Open Communication
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Special Meeting with Lodge 595
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Reception
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Inaugural Banquet

Please note that there will not be a luncheon this year due to the banquet time being moved up to 4:30 PM.

DON'T GET ANGRY WITH THE MESSENGER

As you should now be aware by now, the Grand Lodge has provided the lodges, and District Deputy Grand Masters, use of the Call-em-all notification system as a way of getting information out to the brethren.

The use of the system serves a valuable purpose for the lodges and district. It has been noted though that many times the originator of the call hears from some of the brothers after a message has been sent out. The brother states that he no longer lives in the area and questions why are we calling him. The call-em-all system provides telephone numbers and not addresses which means the person creating the message has no idea where a brother lives; and with portable cell phone numbers, one can no longer rely on an area code to assist in that effort.

It is my thought that we should continue to notify the brothers even if they live outside the immediate area so he is informed about what is going on in his lodge or district. The possibility exists that he would be in the area to visit family or friends and may want to take the opportunity to have fellowship with his brothers while he is here. Should you find no value in receiving the calls, there is an option available to opt out of the system at the end of the call or you can contact your Lodge Secretary and ask to have your name removed from the list.

As for those brethren who live in other time zones, we apologize for some early calls and are working on not calling before the afternoon here in Pennsylvania.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

September 9, 1926

In 1926, Bro. David Sarnoff incorporated the National Broadcasting Company as a subsidiary of the Radio Corporation of America, and the first radio chain in the United States. Bro. Sarnoff, a Russian immigrant, started work at RCA as an office boy. By the time he became President of NBC he was responsible for the \$83-million in radio set sales by RCA from 1921 to 1924. What finally convinced RCA directors of radio's future was his blow-by-blow coverage of the fight between Bro. Jack Dempsey and Carpentier in 1921. Bro. Sarnoff became a Mason in the Lodge of Strict Observance No. 94 in New York City on June 14, 1921. In June 1955, he received the coveted award for distinguished achievement from the New York Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

September 28, 1758

Bro. Horatio Nelson, English Naval hero of the Battle of Trafalgar was born at Burnham, England. Bro. Nelson's Naval prowess had earned him many victories and, in 1801, a Viscountship. In 1805 he won the Battle of Trafalgar with the French fleet but was hit by a sharpshooter's musket ball which fragmented his spine. He died as victory was completed with the annihilation of the enemy fleet. Some question remains as to whether Bro. Nelson was a mason but at his funeral a banner carried by York lodge No. 256 carried these words: "We rejoice with our Country but mourn our Brother."

CONCORDANT AND APPENDANT MASONIC BODIES

High Twelve International

High Twelve is an organization of Master Masons who support Masonic causes with special emphasis on youth and patriotic events. There are approximately 9,000 members in over 250 clubs nationwide and in foreign countries.

Although only Master Masons can join High Twelve, anyone is welcome at the meetings. A typical meeting is brief in its business, full of fellowship, and includes a program or a speaker, on a limitless range of subjects. Some clubs have ladies at all of the meetings, while others have ladies on special occasions.

High Twelve funds the Wolcott Fellowship, providing financial support to a Masters program candidate at George Washington University in a field related to government service.

Local Clubs meet at 12:00 noon:

North Penn #473 – Chartered 1972 meets at the William Penn Inn, Lower Gwynedd on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Valley Forge #305 – Chartered 1958 meets at Shannondell at Valley Forge, Audubon, PA on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Liberty #780 – Chartered 2016 meets at McCormick and Schmicks, Philadelphia on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Additional meeting and contact information for each club can be found on the PA High Twelve International website at <https://pennsylvaniahightwelve.org>.

DID YOU KNOW?

A Parrot Ruined a Presidential Funeral

[Brother] Andrew Jackson, the seventh president of the United States was very fond of his pet parrot and apparently spent a lot of time talking to the bird - as became evident when the president died. The parrot was present in the home where [Bro.] Jackson died and as the funeral commenced, began cursing in such colorful language that it had to be removed from the house. So in a way, [Bro.] Jackson really did get the last word.

Reader's Digest

A MASON AND A MAN

Brother, Masonry means much more
Than the wearing of a pin,
Or carrying a paid up dues receipt
So that the Lodge will let you in.

You can wear an emblem on your coat,
From your finger flash a ring,
But if you are not sincere at heart
This doesn't mean a thing.

It is merely an outward sign
To show the world that you belong,
To that great fraternal brotherhood
That teaches right from wrong.

What really counts lies buried deep
Within the human breast,
Till Masonic teaching brings it out
And puts it to the test.

If you practice out of Lodge
The things you learn within,
Be just and upright to yourself
And to your fellowmen.

Console a brother when he's sick
Assist him when in need,
Without a thought of personal reward
For any act or deed.

Walk and act in such a way
The world without will see,
That only the best can meet the test
Laid down by Masonry.

Be always faithful to your trust
And do the best you can,
Then you can proudly tell the world
You're a Mason and a man.

Anonymous

CREATURE COMFORT

Past Grand Master Ray Ridout tells of the time that he was the speaker at one of his Maine lodges. The Master had gone pretty much through the program and finally he turned to the Grand Master and said, "Do you want to speak now or will I let the boys be comfortable a while longer?"

Tied To Masonic Apron Strings, Stewart M.K. Pollard